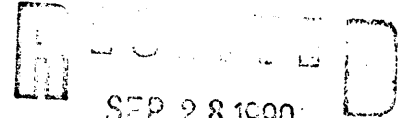


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

**NATIONAL
REGISTER**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name **Spearfish City Hall**
other names/site number **LA-AD-SP-OT-5**

2. Location

street & number **722 Main Street** [N/A]not for publication
city, town **Spearfish** [N/A]vicinity
state **South Dakota** code **SD** county **Lawrence** code **SD 081** zip code **57783**

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u> 1 </u>	<u> 0 </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
		<u> 1 </u>	<u> 0 </u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: **N/A**
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register **0**

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.
 See continuation sheet.

M. Fish Signature of certifying official 9/22/90 Date

South Dakota SHPO State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register.

See continuation sheet. *Arlene Beyer* 10/25/90

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

f Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Government/City Hall

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Government/City Hall

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Moderne

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete
walls Stoneroof Other - Built up
other Concrete

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Situated in the center of the 700 block of Main Street in downtown Spearfish, South Dakota, the Spearfish City Hall is set back from the street with two large fir trees covering most of the front facade. The City Hall is a massive, square, two-story stone masonry building. Rising from a concrete foundation, it has rubble limestone walls with coursed red sandstone pilasters dividing the front facade into five bays. The front and side walls extend into a parapet, which is stepped on the front and capped with cast concrete coping. A sloped, flat built-up roof covers the building. Windows are recessed one-over-one wood double-hung units with pre-cast concrete sills and lintels. The main entrance, which consists of an aluminum door with a transom and sidelights, is raised approximately two feet above grade. It incorporates a set of concrete steps and a newer concrete ramp that extends out toward the street. A one-story jail addition constructed of materials similar to the original building projects from the rear (east) facade. A garage of recent concrete block construction is attached to the northeast corner of the building.

The interior is very simple with plaster walls, dark stained door and window trim, and some beaded wainscoting in the main corridor and council chambers. Ceilings have been lowered with a suspended acoustical tile T-bar system to accommodate new ducts, electrical wiring, and fluorescent lights.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
Social History	1939-1940 Cultural Affiliation N/A	N/A
Significant Person	Architect/Builder	
N/A	Ewing, Ray - Architect Works Progress Administration - Builder	

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Under Criterion A of the National Register Criteria, the Spearfish City Hall is significant in the area of social history because of its association with the Works Progress Administration, (WPA). Under the South Dakota Historical Preservation Plan, the nominated property relates to the following historical context: VI The Great Depression - Farm Foreclosures, Bank Failures, and Government Assistance Programs.

Spearfish, located on the eastern rim of the Black Hills, was founded in 1876 in response to the emerging gold rush. It quickly grew into a vital service community for the area miners and ranchers. In the mid-1880's the city became the home of Black Hills Normal School, now known as Black Hills State University.

By the mid 1930's, the Great Depression had created large scale unemployment and economic despair across the United States. In South Dakota the depression had come many years earlier because of problems in the agricultural economy. Problems with the economy started in the early 20's with a severe and prolonged drought that lasted until the late 30's and early 40's, leaving much of the land harmed. Many federal programs were established to ease the poverty conditions. South Dakota took advantage of such programs during the economically depressed years. In 1935, the federal government established the Works Progress Administrations to provide jobs for unemployed, able-bodied local people to work on public projects. City, county and state agencies provided some matching funds - approximately 11% by local agencies and 39% by the WPA in South Dakota. Many public buildings were built across South Dakota. In many cases they were and still remain the major landmark in the towns and cities.

Spearfish was one of the cities that benefitted by the Works Progress Administration, in South Dakota, securing a grant for a much needed sewer system and a new City hall. Until 1939, the city offices were located in several buildings around Spearfish. In October 1937, the city council voted to submit a proposal to the WPA. By March 1938 the proposal was approved and construction began. Of the \$45,000 required to build the structure, \$39,000 came from the WPA, and \$6,000 was matched locally. Seventy men from Lawrence County were employed on the project which met the requirements of the WPA by putting local people to work on local construction projects, providing jobs and improving the local economy. The building was occupied in 1939.

The period of significance of the nominated property extends from its date of construction in 1939 to 1940, the established 50-year cut-off date for the National Register.

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[xx]See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file(NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

- Primary location of additional data:
- State historic preservation office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Specify repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A13	590765	4926800
Zone	Easting	Northing

C
Quad: Spearfish Scale 1:24000

B			
Zone	Easting	Northing	

D

[]See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The property is bounded by lot 9 and the south 35' of lot 10, block 20, original townsite, City of Spearfish, Lawrence County, South Dakota.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary is based on legally recorded property lines historically associated with the property.

[]See continuation sheet

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Deed Records. Lawrence County Clerk and Recorder's Office.

Articles from the Queen City Mail.

October 14, 1937

March 10, 1938

March 17, 1938

October 6, 1938

November 17, 1938

June 22, 1939

June 29, 1939

Spearfish City Council Minutes

October 4, 1937

March 7, 1938

April 22, 1938

May 2, 1938

June 20, 1938

September 6, 1938

January 16, 1939

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Spearfish City Hall

PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

- Photo No. 1: Spearfish City Hall
Spearfish, Lawrence County, South Dakota
Photographer: James R. McDonald
December 1988
Neg.: James R. McDonald Architects PC
Looking east at the City Hall.
- Photo No. 2: Spearfish City Hall
Spearfish, Lawrence County, South Dakota
Photographer: James R. McDonald
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Looking northeast at entrance facade.
- Photo No. 3: Spearfish City Hall
Spearfish, Lawrence County, South Dakota
Photographer: James R. McDonald
December 1988
Neg.: James R. McDonald Architects PC
Looking northeast at the stone detail.
- Photo No. 4: Spearfish City Hall
Spearfish, Lawrence County, South Dakota
Photographer: James R. McDonald
December 1988
Neg.: James R. McDonald Architects PC
Looking east at a building corner.
- Photo No. 5: Spearfish City Hall
Spearfish, Lawrence County, South Dakota
Photographer: James R. McDonald
December 1988
Neg.: James R. McDonald Architects PC
Looking east at pier with building plaque.
- Photo No. 6: Spearfish City Hall
Spearfish, Lawrence County, South Dakota
Photographer: James R. McDonald
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Looking southwest at the back of the building.